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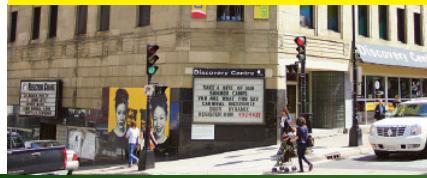
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RCMP. Investigation

► RCMP Staff Sgt. Al Harding looks over some of the 700,000 contraband cigarettes police say they seized during a seven-month investigation of illegal smokes being transported from Quebec and distributed in HRM. Story, page 4

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Illegal smokes seized

School safety in doubt: Survey

► Poll finds 52% completely agree school violence is a major concern, with another 34% mostly agreeing ► Statistics show out-of-school suspensions from violence within schools is declining

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There is little doubt — residents believe violence in schools is a big problem.

An overwhelming 86 per cent of people polled for the CityThink survey either mostly or completely agree violence in HRM schools is a major concern.

But Halifax Regional School Board spokesman Doug Hadley said high-profile incidents, such as the April stabbing at Halifax West High School and the shooting outside Citadel High School in March, could have influenced that number.

"I'm not surprised by those numbers. The results are probably reflective of some of that," he said, noting the polling (from April 13 to 23) was done at the same time of the Halifax West stabbing.

Waning suspensions

Halifax Regional School Board figures show physical violence within schools resulting in an out-of-school suspension has declined steadily the past five academic years.

► In 2009-2010, there were 1,384 suspensions, down from 1,474 in 2008-2009 and 2,426 in 2005-2006.

► A figure for 2010-2011 will be compiled after this school year.

Despite the recent violence, last year's CityThink results were nearly as staggering at 80 per cent.

Halifax Regional Police Chief Frank Beazley said he doesn't know why Haligonians believe our schools are not safe.

"From where I sit, doing what I do, I believe our schools are very

safe," he said. "It has to be a perception thing. People may have a perception based on isolated incidents that they're not safe and that's unfortunate."

"I can't explain that high number, or why people feel that way."

Hadley shared results from an HRSB survey conducted last year that said 88 per cent of parents with children in grades 10 to 12 thought their child's school was a safe place either most or every day.

"Generally speaking, our schools are safe for the large majority of our students, but every time there is an incident at or near a school it reminds us that there is still work to be done," he said.

The CityThink survey conducted by Marketquest-Omnifacts Research for Metro Halifax and the Greater Halifax Partnership carries a margin of error of four per cent.

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Green light given to developments

► Projects among few grandfathered developments not applicable to HRMbyDesign ► Developers have 3 years to start construction, 6 to finish



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Two Barrington Street developments got the green light from Halifax regional council last night, even though dozens of citizens spoke out against them.

Developers are proposing mixed-use towers on the Discovery Centre site and the Roy Building on Barrington Street.

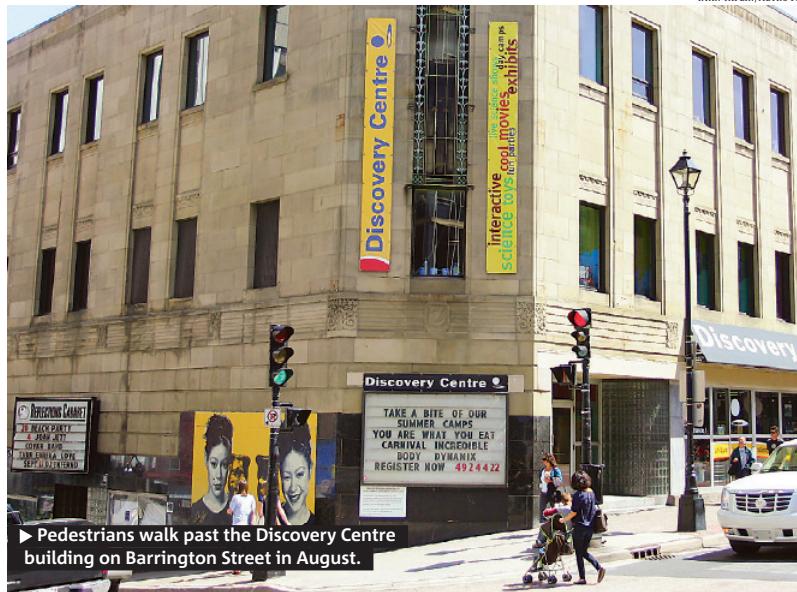
"I don't believe in 'if you build it they will come,'" Peter McCurdy said during a public hearing last night. "It could be a disaster ... I think it's flash and quick gain."

Several area business owners showed support for the proposals, and said it would bring them business.

"Are we trying to keep a time capsule on Barrington Street?" said The Loop shopowner Cathy Merriman. "I would love to see more people living downtown."

Louis Reznick, owner of the Roy Building, said the site is not viable and barely safe. He said he already has a demolition permit and it will be brought down within a year. He proposed a 16-storey building facing Barrington that could house a hotel, residences, retail and office space.

Frank Medjuck said he'd keep the facade of the Discovery Centre and his proposal would be either 12 or 14 storeys depending on if



it will be residential or not.

The buildings aren't heritage sites but Barrington Street is designated as a historical conservation district.

Coun. Jerry Blumenthal, whose father owned a clothing store across from the Roy Building, said new and old buildings can work together.

"We've got so many things going for us and we're going to keep working on it."

Coun. Dawn Sloane said if council doesn't get downtown going then businesses will keep moving to the suburbs.

"Mixed use is the way to go — live, work," she said.

What was said

Comments from last night's public hearing:

- "It will not revitalize downtown." — Tony Edwards, Bedford
- "With one building at a time we are nibbling away the sunshine on the sidewalk." — Linda Forbes with Heritage Trust
- "How good is it going to be if it's an empty space?" — Kuran Dougherty
- "If this proposal is built the street will be less inviting." — Janet Morris

Councillor wants graffiti on bill



An HRM councillor is going to the province for help in her war on graffiti.

Coun. Linda Mosher sent out a statement yesterday saying she will ask the province to add graffiti to its definition of dangerous and unsightly

premises in Bill 41.

"In addition to the free removal kits (offered by HRM), HRM now wants to provide further assistance to affected residents who may not be able to undertake the removal of graffiti them-

selves. The changes we are proposing to Bill 41 would help do just that," Mosher said.

She said HRM could offer graffiti removal services on a charge-back basis.

► JENNIFER TAPLIN

Halifax regional council wants some say in development

Premier Darrell Dexter's move to oversee development on the Dartmouth Common did not sit well with Halifax regional council last night.

Former alderman Dexter is just flexing his political muscle, said Dartmouth Centre Coun. Gloria McCluskey.

"He's coming across the harbour to show us who the boss is," she said.

Dexter tabled legislation on Monday that would require any development or expansion to buildings or parking lots get approval from cabinet.

It completely blindsided council.

Mayor Peter Kelly said he met with Dexter on Monday and several councillors will speak at the law amendments committee later this week. He said Dexter is open to input from council.

Making the best of it, council passed a resolution yesterday to support the legislation in principle given a few conditions.

They want to make sure expansion plans for the Dartmouth Sportsplex continue and that the old transit terminal will revert to parking spots once the new terminal is built. They also want to confirm any decisions would also require the approval of HRM council.

"What's happening here is becoming very political," said Coun. Russell Walker. "Cabinet is full of NDP people."

Coun. Jackie Barkhouse said council needs to make a stand against the "arm twisting."

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"Many residents ... would be concerned about the Dartmouth Sportsplex project going forward."

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Crime and safety results

The CityThink survey sampled 600 HRM residents between April 13 to 23. It carries a margin of error of four percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

How safe do you consider downtown Halifax?
 Very unsafe, 6%
 Mostly unsafe, 20%
 Neither safe nor unsafe, 2%
 Mostly safe, 66%
 Very safe, 5%

Have you personally been a victim of serious crime, such as being robbed or attacked, in HRM?

Yes, 14%
 No, 86%

Do you personally know someone who has been victim of a serious crime, such as being robbed or attacked, in HRM?
 Yes, 43%
 No, 57%

Are there areas of HRM you avoid for safety reasons?
 Yes, 72%
 No, 28%

Which ones? (Respondents that said "yes" to previous)
 Top 10
 Gottingen Street/Uniacke

Square, 48%
 Hydrostone area/north end Halifax, 24%
 Spryfield, 20%
 Downtown Halifax, 20%
 Old Dartmouth/downtown Dartmouth, 16%
 Other Dartmouth, 15%
 Highfield Park, 13%
 Anywhere at night, 11%
 Halifax Commons/The Commons, 7%
 Fairview, 5%

Thinking about areas of HRM you avoid for safety reasons, are there more than there were 5 years ago or fewer 5 years ago?
 More areas than there were 5 years ago, 53%
 Fewer areas than there were 5 years ago, 8%
 Remained the same, 34%
 Don't know, 5%

Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree that violence in schools is a major concern?

Completely agree, 52%
 Mostly agree, 34%
 Neither agree nor disagree, 3%
 Mostly disagree, 9%
 Completely disagree, 1%

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► Last year 49 per cent of those respondents for CityThink said they avoided Gottingen Street and Uniacke Square area.

Majority feel safe in downtown Halifax

► Increased police presence downtown has helped ease safety concerns:
 Police chief ► Survey says most-avoided area of HRM is again Gottingen Street-Uniacke Square ► North-end Halifax, Hydrostone area is second



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Most Haligonians feel safe in downtown Halifax, a new poll reveals.

But after the sun sets, it can be a different story.

The CityThink survey, conducted by Marketquest-Omnifacts Research for Metro Halifax and the Greater Halifax Partnership, found that 71 per cent of respondents thought downtown was either mostly or very safe.

But further on in the new survey, when respondents were asked to list areas of Halifax they avoid due to safety concerns, downtown Halifax was tied for third overall at 20 per cent.

Craig Wight, senior vice-president of Marketquest-Omnifacts Research, said the discrepancy has to do with age demographic.

"I think younger people are downtown more. They're in the bars, they're in that night life more than the older group and they do feel safe there."

Wight noted of those who said they avoided downtown, 50 per cent were 55 years old or older.



► Halifax Regional Police Chief Frank Beazley is shown in this file photo.

Sense of security up, survey says

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- Friday: Quality of life

Only six per cent were in the 18 to 24 age group.

Halifax Regional Police Chief Frank Beazley echoed Wight's analysis, stating this is most likely an older demographic of residents who avoid the area after the shops close and the bars open.

"The downtown is a safe place to go but I can appreciate why people would not feel safe after midnight just because of the high level of activity, particularly

driven by alcohol."

The CityThink survey polled 600 people in HRM from April 13 to 23 and has a margin of error of 4 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

Haligonians are feeling much safer in downtown Halifax than from several years ago. The 2007 CityThink survey found only 50 per cent of residents felt mostly or very safe. This year's results are basically unchanged from 2010.

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Cigarette bust has syndicate up in smoke: Police

Police say the seizure of about 700,000 contraband cigarettes in a smoke-smuggling investigation has disrupted a major organized crime group in the municipality.

Five men from the area are facing charges after police wrapped up a seven-month investigation into illegal cigarettes allegedly being transported from Quebec to Nova Scotia for distribution in HRM.

"We've disrupted a significant organized-crime group," said RCMP Staff

Sgt. Al Harding, the border integrity co-ordinator for the province, at Halifax RCMP headquarters yesterday.

"Contraband tobacco is just another commodity that organized crime groups use to finance their operations. You get illegal drugs, guns, contraband tobacco — it's another way organized crime groups make money."

The RCMP say the investigation resulted in the seizure of the cigarettes, along with two pounds of



PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO
► These bags contain some of the 700,000 contraband cigarettes seized by police.

marijuana, six vehicles and cash.

Harding said the smokes were separated into 3,500

individual small bags — which would work out to be about 200 per bag. Some of the cars seized included

a Range Rover, a BMW and a cargo van.

"Obviously by the quantity of cigarettes that have been seized, it's a very lucrative market," he said.

"It's a higher-end (seizure). Not the biggest, certainly not the smallest."

Facing charges, including conspiracy to possess unstamped tobacco under the Criminal Code of Canada, are a 54-year-old Lower Sackville man, a 44-year-old Bedford man, and three men from Dartmouth, aged 24, 54 and 56.

Guilty plea

A sixth man, 21-year-old Yahya Hamouche of Laval, Que., appeared in Dartmouth provincial court on Friday.

He pleaded guilty to tobacco-related charges. Police say he was fined over \$450.

Police say the 24-year-old is also facing a charge of drug trafficking for the seized marijuana.

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Low-income families not eating well, study says

A new study suggests the health of some Nova Scotians may be at risk because they can't afford to eat well.

The 2010 Participatory Food Costing report released yesterday at Mount Saint Vincent University says this risk affects families living on minimum wage or income assistance.

"Overall, it is clear that

the low income households represented in our sample study cannot afford to purchase a basic nutritious diet, placing them at risk for poor health," Dr. Patty Williams, Canada Research Chair in Food Security and Policy Change, says in a release.

The report says that a basic nutritious diet in Nova Scotia for a family of four cost \$770.65 last June, up almost 35 per cent from 2002.

The report is suggesting a further review of wages, income supports and social policy directed toward poverty reduction. • METRO

Minimum wage to go up in October

The minimum wage in Nova Scotia will increase to \$10 an hour for many workers on Oct. 1.

The current rate is

\$9.65 an hour.

The minimum wage for those with less than three months' experience in their current job will rise to \$9.50.

Labour Minister Marilyn More says the increase is consistent with those across the country.

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Woodlot owners need to be engaged: Report

► Tories call process backwards, while Liberals say government trying to 'divert public attention' ► Forestry strategy coming this spring: Parker



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Natural Resources Minister Charlie Parker announced \$5 million in support for the forestry industry yesterday.

But Terry Woodbridge, the consultant commissioned to draft a report on forestry, asked whether or not that will be enough to mitigate the challenges the industry faces.

Woodbridge said the \$5 million moves the government in the right direction, but the "devil's in the details."

"(The) implementation has to be successful," said Woodbridge. "But I think



► Workers unload logs at the Taylor Lumber Company site in Middle Musquodoboit yesterday.

the steps are being taken to have a dialogue ... that's a very, very important thing."

Of the \$5 million injected, \$2.2 million is earmarked for professional training for small woodlot owners, \$1.8 million to

track harvests, and \$1 million for training and outreach.

That outreach is an important component.

Woodbridge's report found widespread "disengagement" among the province's estimated 30,000 woodlot owners, with declining interest in commercial sale. In part, this has caused a decline in timber available to Nova Scotian pulp and paper companies, driving up costs.

Adding in the province's stated goal of a 50 per cent reduction in clear cutting, the fear is that some companies will no longer remain in the province.

"We believe the process

Critics

► Clear cutting Opposition critics were quick to point out, despite the province's goal of reducing clear cutting, it has yet to arrive at a definition of what constitutes clear cutting.

we put in place, the mitigation process, can re-engage small woodlot owners," Parker said.

"More education, more outreach, to sit down with woodlot owners in their kitchen, or walk through the woods with them, this is going to re-engage small woodlot owners."

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Deliberate flooding may drown farmland

► Brandon city official says 300 homes could be affected by controlled release ► Agriculture minister says no guarantee of total compensation

Enforcing leave

Police were patrolling Brandon's south side to ensure residents from about 400 homes were obeying orders to leave.

- Natural gas lines were shut off to homes due to fears that flood water could shift pipes and break them.
- Evacuees have been given up to \$29.90 a person each day and told to find a hotel or relative's home to stay.
- Returning home was only allowed in order to retrieve medication or check on sump pumps.

Lourens Arendse was grading and bagging onions on his prosperous vegetable farm in south-central Manitoba as recently as Monday afternoon.

By yesterday morning, he was frantically loading sandbags into his truck to try to protect his property from the leading edge of a controlled release from the Assiniboine River.

While the province says 150 homes could be impacted by the release, at least one municipal official says as many as 300 houses and some of the province's most fertile farmland could be swamped.

In Brandon, city crews,

A quick decision?

Decisions involving the release, which could start today, were made within hours, said Kam Blight, reeve of the Municipality of Portage la Prairie.

"We were first notified midafternoon (Monday).

volunteers, army reservists and jail inmates seemed to be winning the battle against the swollen Assiniboine River despite steady rain.

But the situation was different further east where

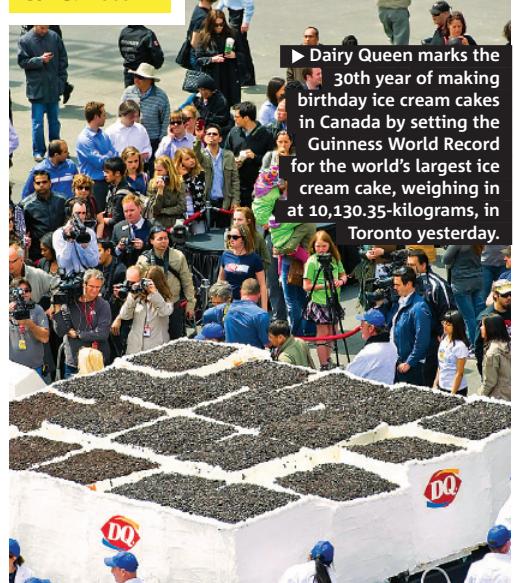
We were told we had a few days and then plans changed as of 11 o'clock."

Blight said the decision to deliberately flood the area was made because of a sudden rush of water through a burst dike. But many are wondering if it couldn't have been another region to take one for the team.

Manitoba announced it would open barriers and allow the Assiniboine to spill over a 225-square-kilometre area to relieve pressure on downstream dikes.

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Spread a little McHappiness

► More than 10,000 families come through doors of Ronald McDonald Children's House each year: Official

Like many parents, Angela Gamble-Schell was completely blindsided when, last August, doctors diagnosed her 12-year-old daughter Alysha with pineoblastoma, a malignant brain tumour.

"A week earlier, my kids and I were watching stories of little children on the Sick Kids channel and I thought to myself, 'I'm so glad that my kids are healthy,'" she said. "Then, a week later, we ended up down at Sick Kids ourselves."

Alysha's illness would require her to remain near the hospital for an undisclosed amount of time while she underwent tests, radiation and high-dose chemotherapy.

This put a strain on the family of five from Englehart, Ont.

"The doctors were telling us this is a very long road," Gamble-Schell said.

"And we worried about how we were going to stay in the city with Alysha."

A social worker suggested the Ronald McDonald Children's House, a charity-run home for families,

like the Schells, who need supportive, long-term accommodations while their child undergoes medical treatment.

The House receives part of its funding through events like today's McHappy Day, where one dollar from each Big Mac, coffee, tea and Happy Meal goes toward a variety of child-focused charities.

"McHappy Day is an opportunity to really help the Ronald McDonald House and other children's charities get the kind of community grassroots support they need. So by coming into the restaurant, you're really able to use McHappy Day as a platform for giving and a way to make a difference," said Cathy Loblaw, executive director of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Canada.

After close to a year, Alysha has conquered her illness and the Schells will soon head home.

"It's been a long road and it was very scary, but she's our hero now," the proud mother said.

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Space. Oddity



► Swiss adventurer Yves Rossy is seen during his flight over the Grand Canyon in Arizona on Saturday.

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Rocket man blasts off

A Swiss adventurer has completed a flight over the Grand Canyon in his custom-built jet suit. Yves Rossy was airborne for more than eight minutes Saturday.

Head's-up not required: Court

► Tabloid story of a Nazi-themed orgy led former car-racing boss to appeal to European Court of Human Rights ► Ruling: Freedom of speech trumps privacy

An ex-car-racing boss who sued a tabloid over a story about his sadomasochistic orgy with dominatrixes lost his privacy case yesterday in the European Court of Human Rights — a ruling applauded by free speech advocates.

Max Mosley won a lawsuit against Britain's News of the World tabloid for its 2008 front-page story claiming he, the president of the

governing body overseeing Formula One racing, had an hours-long Nazi-themed orgy with five women. Mosley, the son of a former fascist leader, acknowledged the orgy but denied the Nazi theme.

Despite winning sizable damages and legal costs, Mosley didn't stop fighting.

He then took the case to the European court in France, which can inter-



► Max Mosley

vene in British court rulings. Mosley claimed that his privacy rights, which

are protected by the European Convention on Human Rights, should force news organizations to notify subjects before publishing details about their private lives.

But the court disagreed, saying European law didn't require pre-notification and that such a requirement could have a chilling effect on freedom of speech.

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Nova Scotian to explore with NASA

A University of New Brunswick graduate student who is studying the geology of planets has been chosen to help NASA evaluate future landing sites on the moon.

Tiziana Trabucci from Truro, N.S., is one of 10 people chosen from around the world to spend 10 weeks this summer at the Johnson Space Center in Houston as part of the Constellation Lunar Exploration Program.

"It's really fantastic," Trabucci said in an interview yesterday from her home in Truro, N.S.

She is one of two Canadian students selected for

the work program. The other is Myriam Lemelin from the University of Sherbrooke in Quebec.

Trabucci has a master's degree in geology and is working on her PhD in Martian geology. She was a young child when NASA launched its last manned mission to the moon in 1972, but said she has developed an excitement for the program and the need to return.

"One goal can be to better understand our planet, but there can also be another more economical reason related to resources," she said.

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Man dies in skyscraper plunge

A man committed suicide yesterday in a plunge of 39 floors from a segment of the world's tallest skyscraper in Dubai, according to its owner and reports in the local media.

"The concerned authorities have confirmed that it was a suicide, and we are awaiting the final report," Emaar Properties, the owner of the towering Burj Khalifa, said in a brief statement.

The media reports quoted security officials as saying the man fell from the 147th floor and landed on a deck on the



108th floor. It is the first known suicide from the landmark tower, which opened in January 2010.
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Al-Qaida to get house in order

A week after the death of Osama bin Laden, his long-time deputy is considered the front-runner to succeed the iconic al-Qaida founder.

But uprisings in the Middle East and changing dynamics within the group could point to another scenario: a decision not to appoint anyone at all to replace the world's most-wanted terrorist.

Replacing bin Laden, who masterminded 9-11, may be no easy task. Analysts say the choice will likely depend on how the terror organization views its goals and priorities in the post-bin Laden age.

The revolt across the Arab world over the past few months was driven by aspirations for Western-style democracy, not the al-Qaida goal of a religiously led state spanning the Muslim world.

And as al-Qaida struggles to prove its relevance, the group has become increasingly decentralized and prone to internal disputes.

"You almost have to start with the question of 'Can he be replaced?'" said Lt. Col. Reid Sawyer, the director of the West Point, a New York-based Counter-Terrorism Center.

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Microsoft calls on Skype

► \$8.5-billion US deal is largest in company's history ► Tops \$6-billion purchase of the previous highest acquisition, online ad service aQuantive in 2007

Microsoft's \$8.5-billion US purchase of Skype is the biggest deal in the software maker's 36-year history, but it also means a billion-dollar payout for the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, a major stakeholder in the popular Internet telephone service.

Buying Skype would give Microsoft a potentially valuable communications

tool as it tries to become a bigger force on the Internet and in the increasingly important smartphone market. Microsoft said it will marry Skype's functions to its Xbox game console, Outlook email program and Windows smartphones.

The CPPIB paid \$300 million for a 15 per cent stake in Skype in 2009

when the majority of the service was sold off by eBay Inc. for about \$2 billion US to an investor group that included Skype. EBay kept the remaining 35 per cent of the company.

However, the settlement of patent litigation has diluted the board's stake to 11.7 per cent, for which it will receive \$930 million if the deal goes

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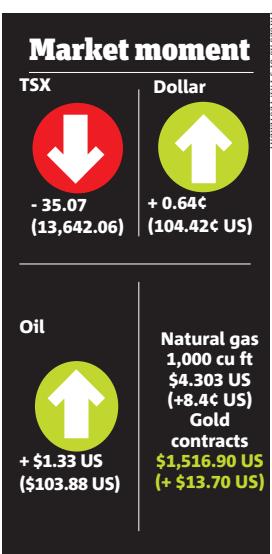
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BREAD RISES

George Weston profit boost

Food processor George Weston Ltd. says wholesale buyers have been resisting price increases it started charging earlier this year to help offset the rising cost of ingredients it uses to make breads and other products.

The bakery company — which reported sharply higher first-quarter profits yesterday — raised prices about five per

cent starting April 1 to help deal with skyrocketing costs for commodities like wheat, sugar and corn.

The company has said that climbing commodity prices, plus the higher cost of gasoline, could have a \$65-million effect on its bottom line this year.

George Weston Ltd. said yesterday that its first-quarter profits more than doubled to \$105 million, helped by stronger operating performance from its Weston Foods and Loblaw grocery store divisions.

The baked goods and grocery giant reported that profits came in at \$1.07 per share on an adjusted basis.

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Emerging nations hold key for Canada's exports

Canada's key export sector is poised to once again become the backbone of the economy, especially if companies can exploit emerging markets, says the government agency devoted to foreign sales.

Export Development Canada's latest forecast says exporters are well under way to recovering the massive losses sustained during the recession, which hurt the sector more than any other.

With growth rates of 10.4 per cent in 2010, an expected 12 per cent this year and a further seven per cent in 2012, exports

are already tapped to be a main contributor to growth in Canada over the next two years.

Most industries will take part in the rebound, including autos and auto parts, aerospace and forestry, along with current mainstays in the resource sector.

But it is in the outgoing years — and in the fast-growing emerging markets — where many economists see the biggest potential for the sector that a decade ago represented 46 per cent of the economy. It is now down to 29 per cent.

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New horizon

The high Canadian dollar has made it more difficult for Canadian goods to compete in the United States market.

► Trade. However, this is offset by soaring demand in China and other parts of Asia for everything from coal and oil to lumber, fertilizers and minerals.

► Market. Currently there is a house-building boom in China as millions of people migrate from the countryside to the cities.

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When was the last time you broke the law? If you're like the average Brit, it was probably the last time you got into the car: Running a red light, texting, speeding, not wearing your seatbelt, parking in the handy handicapped spot, or bumping into someone's car and skulking away from the scene of the accident without leaving contact info.

Nor is the average Brit's criminal activity restricted to the automobile. In a recent gocompare.com survey of 3,000 ordinary felons, 28 per cent admitted to taking drugs and another 34 per cent confessed to having sex in public — no word on whether or not they were wearing their seatbelt at the time.

The not-so-veddy proper British break the law an average of 21 times per year.

When they're not having sex in public (probably in their cars, where they appear to do everything but drive), they're downloading illegal music or failing to pick up after their pooch.

Here in the colonies, it can't be much better. Because in England, everyone is jammed together; there's a surveillance camera every six feet, and if you even think about breaking the law, they've got you on video. Here in the New World, there's plenty of wide open space to evade detection.

Speaking of confessions, I'm probably guilty of every violation on the survey, although I can't remember the last time I had sex in public and don't know how to download music illegally (without getting a virus). But the spirit is willing.

There's comfort in numbers. According to the survey, 79 per cent of Brits violate the speed limit. And that's only because traffic is bad.

Are people getting worse or are there just too many laws? The spokesman for the survey company thinks Brits are so used to breaking the law on a daily basis they hardly notice. And he thinks it's much worse than 21 times per year. Most people don't know, for example, that it's illegal to ride your bike on the sidewalk or fail to pick up after your cockapoo.

It's just too easy to break the vast array of unenforceable laws that allegedly govern our behaviour. The solution — to pass more laws in an attempt to bludgeon us into submission — just feeds our criminal intent.

So it's kind of hilarious when Stephen Harper says he is going to get tough on crime and we all nod our heads in solemn accord. Right.

And by the way, how many laws did HE break yesterday?

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

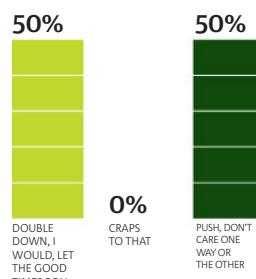


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► @AllyGarbs: Haven't been on Twitter in a while. Has anyone in #Halifax complained about the weather lately? Where are we with that?

► @brianlarter: when will people learn that Halifax is where umbrellas come to die?

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that is the Barrington St. wind/rain tunnel! #Halifax
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► @Bizarro_Number1: @Metallica Thank you guys for stopping by Halifax this summer, we can't wait to see you again. I can't wait.

► @issmat: iMetallica in Halifax: another case of getting what's available instead of what's popular? How big is heavy metal scene in Halifax anyway?

Letters

OTTAWA. In the past I have always been a supporter of NDP policy and continue to agree with many of their principles.

However, the recent articles outlining their intended efforts to strengthen Quebec's language laws upset me.

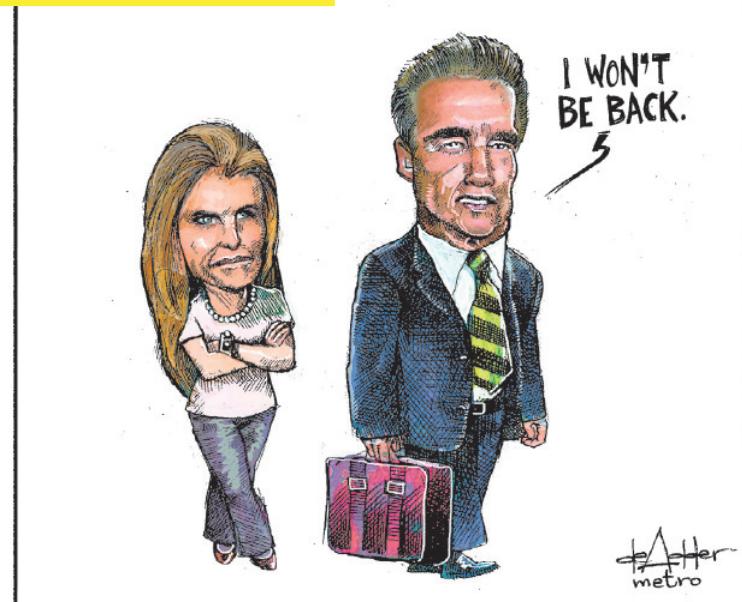
Every position in federal and provincial governments does not require French language skills. Many people know someone who was paid to attend

mandatorily French language training and never uses it.

Many university educated anglophones are excluded from jobs and careers because of current policy. The language restrictions need to be relaxed, not get more stringent. I have no problem with advancing bilingual candidates where a position truly warrants it, since speaking two languages is certainly an asset. I feel so strongly about this issue that the NDP has lost me as a supporter.

NATASHA SOROKAN

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Rome rejects rumbling rumours

Italian officials are going to extraordinary lengths to try to debunk an urban legend predicting a devastating earthquake in Rome today.

The country's civil protection department has posted an information packet on its website stressing that quakes can't be predicted and Rome isn't particularly at risk.

The national geophysics institute will open its doors to the public

today to inform the curious and the concerned about seismology.

The effort is all designed to debunk a purported prediction of a major Roman quake on May 11, 2011, attributed to self-taught seismologist Raffaele Bendandi, who died in 1979. The only problem is Bendandi never made the prediction, says Paola Lagorio, president of the association in charge of Bendandi's documentation.

Lagorio insists there is no evidence in Bendandi's papers of any such precise prediction and blames unidentified forces who want to "frighten people and create this situation of panic that is attributed to a prediction Bendandi never made."

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His booty's full of awards

► Geoffrey Rush tells Metro how he lives the life of an award-winning actor and a pirate

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Coming off the critical raves — plus awards and nominations — he received for *The King's Speech*, Australian actor Geoffrey Rush is easing back into his pirate drawl to once again play Capt. Barbosa opposite Johnny Depp's Jack Sparrow in *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*.

Metro sat down for a one-on-one with the Oscar winner.

I hear you snuck into one of the press screenings to catch the film.

I thought I wanted to hold off until [the premiere at] Disney Land and do all of that stuff, but there are three journeys in this film that are on individual ships, so I only knew everything that happened to Barbosa and the Royal Navy on the Providence, but I had no idea how they'd shot the mermaid stuff, how they'd done the Queen Anne's Revenge. It was fantastic; it was really thrilling.

What do you think of how Barbosa has progressed from the first film?

It's an enjoyable thing. I think we would've run out of validity for him being part of the storyline if he'd remained only the kind of dark, black-hearted mercenary villain from Part One.



► Geoffrey Rush plays Captain Barbosa in the fourth installment of *The Pirates of the Caribbean*.

And within the story, in the trilogy and now in Part Four, they've brought in Cutler Beckett from the East India Trading Company as a kind of corporate villain adversary for Jack Sparrow, and there's been Davy Jones and now we've got Blackbeard. That's given Barbosa room to move.

With two more films planned for the series, where do you see him going?

Johnny and I were saying,

you know, if only these two guys could get together, they would be the best kick-ass team in the world. Because Jack's got an extraordinary daring, improvisational, "take the crises as they come and deal with them" (attitude), and Barbosa fancies himself as a rather brilliant strategic long-term-planning mastermind. But they're always at odds, completely.

Are you familiar with the

phrase "EGOT"?

I've been made aware of it. I know it came up in a *30 Rock* episode.

It means winning an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony. You have three. Do you have any plans to try to win a Grammy?

(laughs) Oh, well, you know. I had no thought way back even of being honoured by the Academy with an Oscar, and I remember thinking, "It's highly un-

likely that I'll end up doing anything for American television, so where would an Emmy come from?"

Let alone a Tony, because — particularly with *Exit the King*, taking an Australian production to Broadway, there was no precedent for that.

But the Grammy thing, I don't know. I'll have to put out a rather boring album of poetry or something.

(laughs) You know, it's not keeping me awake at night.



Scene in brief



Canada gets to celebrate an over-the-top royal wedding of its own this week thanks to South Park.

The foul-mouthed animated series spoofs the nuptials of Will and Kate on Wednesday with a special episode all about a Canuck royal union.

This ceremony features "the prince of Canada," who is "about" to wed a princess in a televised ceremony watched by "literally thousands."

The episode airs Wednesday on the Comedy Network and repeats Friday.

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Pacino's gotta be in Gotti

► Al Pacino revisits a familiar role as a mafia gangster in *Gotti: Three Generations* ► John Travolta plays Gotti Sr.

Al Pacino is telling a new mob family story, joining John Travolta for the crime saga *Gotti: Three Generations*.

Pacino will play Gambino crime family underboss Neil Dellacroce, an associate and mentor to John Gotti Sr. (Travolta), says the

film's producer, Fiore Films. Gotti reunites Pacino with Levinson, who directed the actor in his role as Dr. Jack Kevorkian in last

year's TV movie *You Don't Know Jack*, for which Pacino won an Emmy. Levinson also was a producer on Pacino's 1997 crime drama

Donnie Brasco and co-wrote his 1979 court saga *And Justice for All*.

The cast also includes Lindsay Lohan, Joe Pesci and Travolta's wife, Kelly Preston.

Levinson, the Academy Award-winning director of 1988's *Rain Man*, has brought his *Bugsy* collaborator James Toback on board to rework the script for *Gotti*. The revisions will put more emphasis on Gotti's relationship with Dellacroce, who was something of a father figure to the crime boss, Levinson said.

"There's this whole thing about fathers and sons that plays through this piece," Levinson said of the film, based on the life story of Gotti's son, John Gotti Jr.

"You had a huge character in John Gotti, who's basically old school and believed in the structure of that whole system, and the son at a certain point in time basically begins to reject it and wants out of it. He says, 'I can't live my life this way,' so I think that's a real conflict," said Levinson.

Fiore Films, an independent production company, made the announcement yesterday in Cannes, where the 64th



► Al Pacino arrives at the HBO Emmy party.

Cannes Film Festival opens today.

"Al Pacino is one of the finest actors of all time and will bring an unsurpassed level of reality and excitement to the film," said Marc Fiore, the company's CEO.

The big casting question left is who will play Gotti Jr.

"My guess is it's going to be someone we may not really know. I say that because I don't know who's out there as a name where you say, 'Oh, yeah, he could be Gotti Jr.,'" Levinson said. "I've always worked with a lot of unknowns, people who hadn't really established themselves, so I've got no reluctance about that whatsoever."

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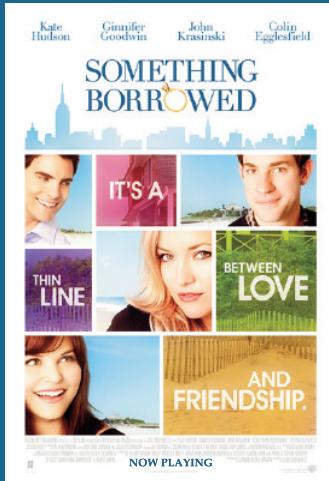
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What role do Paul Bettany, Robert de Niro, Rowan Atkinson and Max von Sydow share? Mr. Jennifer Connnelly, the Oscar winner, Mr. Bean, and the legendary Swedish superstar all have one part in common; they have all played priests on the big screen.

In this weekend's post-apocalyptic action horror film, *Priest*, Bettany plays the title character, a warrior pastor hunting the vampires who kidnapped his niece. Based on Min-Woo Hyung's graphic novels, the movie also features Christopher Plummer as the Monsignor, de-

scribed by the legendary Canadian actor as "a horrible priest gone wrong — a lovely, stylish villain."

In the Barry Levinson film, *Sleepers*, De Niro was Father Bobby, a Hell's Kitchen priest who lies in court to prevent four of his parishioners from going to jail for killing a sadistic prison guard.

Atkinson played Father Gerald, a new vicar performing his first marriage ceremony in *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. The tongue-tied priest has some of the film's funniest lines, including, "In the name of the father, the son and the holy goat. Er... ghost."

Probably the most famous movie celebrant is Father Lankester Merrin, as portrayed by Max von Sydow in *The Exorcist* and the *Exorcist II: The Heretic*. Von Sydow is one of the few actors to have played both God in *The Greatest Story Ever Told* and the Devil in *Needful Things*. But, it's his first film and the iconic line "The Power of Christ compels you!" that is most memorable.

Fresh directors take the spotlight at Cannes

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN FRANCE

Who said Cannes is a private club? The 64th Cannes Film Festival, which opens today, is full of fresh new talents with seven first time directors, two of them candidates for the famous Palme d'Or.

"It's a happy coincidence," says Cannes boss Thierry Frémaux. "We didn't choose young directors on purpose, but it turned out they deserved to compete with the likes of Pedro Almodovar, Nanni Moretti or Lars Von Trier."

Among the newcomers is Australian writer Julia Leigh with her first film, *Sleeping Beauty*. This erotic tale of a young call girl, who forgets about her clients in the morning, stars Emily Browning, the lead actress in Hollywood

blockbuster *Sucker Punch*. Another first time director is Austrian Markus Schleinzer, a former casting director of Palme d'Or winner Michael Haneke. His movie, *Michael*, may create strong controversy since its main character is a pedophile murderer.

Other fresh directors are French actress Maiwenn, who will present *Polisse*, a cop movie with French rapper JoeyStarr; the Danish Nicolas Winding Refn, who brings, *Drive*, his first American film starring actor Ryan Gosling; and Scottish director Lynne Ramsay, with *We Need to Talk About Kevin*, the portrait of a teenage sociopath.

Could they win the Palme d'Or? It happened in the past. Martin Scorsese with *Taxi Driver* in 1976, Steven Soderbergh with *Sex, Lies and Videotape* in 1989, Australian Jane Campion in 1993



► British actress Tilda Swinton stars in *We Need to Talk About Kevin* featured at the 64th Cannes Film Festival.

with *The Piano* and *Pulp Fiction* in 1994. Who Quentin Tarantino will be next?

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Schwarzenegger says that he won't be back

► Maria Shriver and Arnold release statement that they are now living apart

Former California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and wife Maria Shriver have separated, according to the Los Angeles Times.

"At this time, we are living apart while we work on the future of our relationship," the couple says in a statement.

"We are continuing to parent our four children together. They are the light and the center of both of our lives. We consider this a private matter and neither we nor any of our friends or family will have further comment."

The couple celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last month.

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► Arnold Schwarzenegger and wife Maria Shriver

ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Talking points

Taking a royal honeymoon

NOT CHUMP CHANGE. Prince William and his new wife, Princess Catherine, have finally left on their royal honeymoon, though that's about all the information their spokespeople want to divulge.

"We are not confirming, and we are not commenting, on speculation on where they may be going on their private honeymoon, we are just confirming that they have gone," a spokesman said, adding, "The couple have asked that their privacy be respected during their honeymoon."

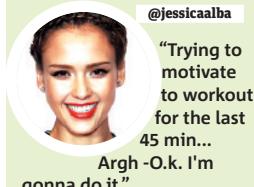
The Daily Mail reports the couple are staying in a \$6,500 a night villa.

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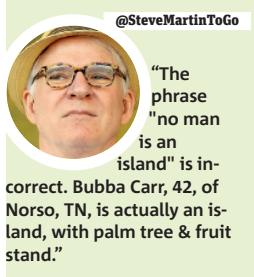
Celebrity tweets



"it's kinda lame when someone you met briefly and never worked with comments on you. I will continue to wish them luck and be kind."



"Trying to motivate to workout for the last 45 min... Argh -O.k. I'm gonna do it."



"The phrase "no man is an island" is incorrect. Bubba Carr, 42, of Norso, TN, is actually an island, with palm tree & fruit stand."

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Hot on Captain Jack Sparrow's trail

► The fourth installment of the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise was filmed in some amazing locations around the globe that are worthy of a voyage of your own to explore



The producers behind the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise didn't let the series' name limit them when it came to locations for the latest film, sending Johnny Depp's loveable Capt. Jack Sparrow around the world in search of the fabled Fountain of Youth, from London to Hawaii and, of course, to the Caribbean.

Metro has handily charted his course so that you can embark on your own quest.

FIRST STOP: LONDON

The film starts with a high-speed carriage chase through 18th century London, something difficult to recreate in 2011. But while in England's capital, check out some of the film's exterior locations, including the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich and Hampton Court Palace, once the home of Henry VIII, which stood in for St. James Court.

SECOND STOP: HAWAII

The On Stranger Tides action then heads to Hawaii. Most of the film's sailing footage was shot in the pris-



► Palominito Beach in Puerto Rico is just one of the great locations that was used for shooting of Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides.

tine waters off the coast of Oahu, with the crew making landfall on Kauai. "There's a section of this movie which is very Indiana Jones-like, where there's a trek through the most amazing jungles you've ever seen," says production designer John Myhre. "We found these unbelievable jungles on Kauai — jungles, waterfalls.

Huge over-scaled growth, the most beautiful mountains you've ever seen."

THIRD STOP: PUERTO RICO

Finally, the film winds up in the actual Caribbean, shooting on the gorgeous white sands of Palominito, an islet off the northeastern coast of Puerto Rico. The uninhabited gem is

reachable by boat, and only Depp and co-star Penelope Cruz set foot on the beach, with the rest of the crew bobbing off-shore so as not to leave any footprints. The crew also filmed scenes on the main island, using Old San Juan's spectacular Castillo de San Cristobal, a massive fort built by the Spanish in 1783.

60 seconds

GETTING THE LOOK OF ON STRANGER TIDES

Academy Award-winning production designer John Myhre told us about filming and travelling for the latest Pirates of the Caribbean.

How did the look of this installment differ from the others?

Our movie had a much more rugged look to it, so our world of Pirates of the Caribbean wasn't necessarily white-sand beaches and beautiful palm trees. We found beautiful rocky areas. We used a beautiful spot on Oahu called Halona Cove as a rocky cove that they need to go to start their trek on finding some mermaids.

If you were to return to one of the film's locations for a holiday, which would it be? I just fell in love with Kauai. Kauai to me was everything that you want Hawaii to be. It was just such lush, beautiful, gorgeous vegetation.

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Travel in brief



Bob Thirsk gave his sleeping bag. Chris Hadfield offered his guitar. And Julie Payette donated a toothbrush and some leftover food. They're among about 20 items that went to space and back and were provided by Canadian astronauts for a new long-term exhibition at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum, which opens May 12.

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A trip to western Massachusetts

► There is plenty of history, charm and 'accidental' beauty in the region ► Delve in all that is Emily Dickinson

Some tourist attractions can be easily experienced, by taking in a scenic view or driving down a famous byway. But other places must be explored to be appreciated, with layers revealed as you go. That's how it is in western Massachusetts, with sites like the Emily Dickinson Museum, the Quabbin Reservoir's "accidental wilderness" and many other treasures — from great restaurants to unusual bookstores — waiting to be discovered.

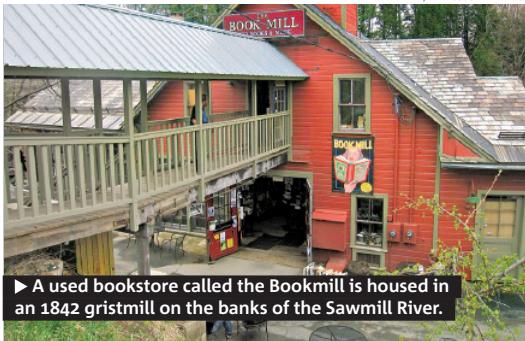
Of course there are Wal-marts, Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts here, just like everywhere else. But you can also tune into the region's bucolic, historic side by driving along winding roads past small farms, town squares, and communities founded in the 17th and 18th centuries. One of the region's nicknames,

If you go ...

- **Emily Dickinson Museum.** 280 Main St., Amherst, Mass.; emilydickinsonmuseum.org or 413-542-8161. Tours, \$10 for 90 minutes, \$8 for 45 minutes.
- **Quabbin Reservoir and Park.** Visitor Center, 485 Ware Rd., Route 9, Belchertown, Mass. mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/quabbin.htm or 413-323-7221.

the Pioneer Valley, was a promotional name dreamed up by businessmen in the early 1900s harking back to those early settlements.

As you roam around, you'll see that each town has a unique claim to fame. Deerfield is famous as the site of an attack in 1704 by Native Americans and their French allies in which more than 40 vil-



lagers were killed and over 100 taken captive. South Deerfield is home to the Yankee Candle flagship store, where Santa's elves are always hard at work and it snows indoors every four minutes. In Shelburne Falls, blooms change by the season on the Bridge of Flowers. Tulips were big in early May, vibrant pink peonies will flower soon.

Another side of the

area's personality comes through in a different nickname — the Happy Valley, which suits the counterculture vibe that's perhaps inevitable with so many college campuses nearby (Amherst College, Mount Holyoke, Hampshire, Smith and UMass-Amherst among others), along with generations of alumni who never left.

For a unique outdoor ex-

perience, visit Quabbin Park, which was created in the 1930s when four towns were moved to make way for a 101-square-kilometre reservoir fed by local rivers. The watershed area consists of 48,000 hectares of forests and meadows cleared of human habitation to keep the waters pristine. The reservoir supplies water to more than two million people in 51 communities, and the landscape is an unusual mix of engineering, human history and open space.

"The term accidental wilderness captures the essence of it," said Clif Read, supervisor of Quabbin's interpretive services. "It was not designed as a wilderness area or wildlife sanctuary or state park, but because of the protection of the area around the drinking water, it has become wild."

Set aside a couple of hours to immerse yourself in the world of Emily Dickinson. Even the poet's most ardent fans might be daunted by the prospect of a 90-minute tour of the Homestead, the house where she lived and died, and the Evergreens, a neighbouring home where her brother's family lived. But the tour is fascinating and feels more like a two-act play than a museum visit. (A 45-minute version of the tour skips the Evergreens.)

Ask at the museum for directions to West Cemetery, where Dickinson is buried, less than a 10-minute walk away. The tombstone bears the words "Called back," a phrase the poet used in a letter shortly before her death, suggesting perhaps that she was not quite of this world.

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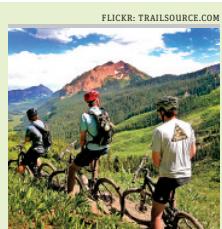
Ideas for off-season travel options

If you were thinking of hitting the hottest beach spots or the national parks' best hotels this summer, booking at this late date could require a serious investment.

But there are still ways to take a great vacation without sacrificing your wallet. Consider travelling where everyone else does not at this time of year, like a ski resort or an island just outside the hurricane belt.

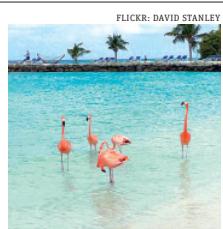
Here are five tips for booking off-season vacations in high-style locations.

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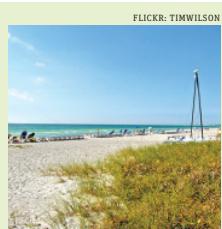
Head to the Hills
Ski resorts remain popular destinations off-season; vacationers can ride ski lifts into the mountains for hiking, mountain biking and many other summer activities. But you will spend much less for lodging than during the winter.

"You can get a really great discount, I would say somewhere between 20 to 40 per cent," by booking off-season, says Anne Banas, executive editor of smartertravel.com.



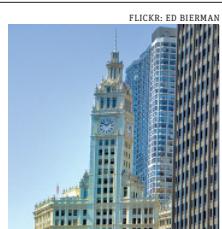
Do your ABCs
A vacation to much of the Caribbean during hurricane season — which runs from June through November — can be unpredictable or worse. But some Caribbean islands lie outside the hurricane belt, and prices there drop for the summer too.

Though not bargain-basement cheap, a trip to the so-called ABC islands — Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao — is more affordable in summer than winter, and you will be outside the danger zone.



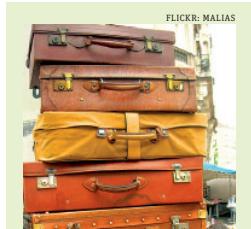
Try the Gulf
Yes, that Gulf. The Gulf of Mexico. A year after the oil spill, Gulf coasters want people to come back, and they are ready to deal.

"It's beautiful, and hotel rates are still lower than they have been," says Jason Clampet, senior online editor of Frommers.com. He estimates that staying in many Gulf of Mexico resorts now costs roughly what it did in 2004.



Go to Town
Banas says a trip to a major metropolis like New York, Boston or Chicago can be had at a discount in the summer. "You want to think of alternatives to what everyone else wants to do," says Banas.

Particularly in August, city dwellers flee in droves, and top hotels — especially those that cater to business travellers — often are in need of customers, Banas said. Also consider renting a place from one of those vacationing residents through a website like airbnb.com.



Be Flexible
Above all, if you stay flexible about every aspect of your trip, you will save the most.

For deals, Clampet recommends "flash" travel sites, which take the approach of members-only clothing and accessories sellers like Rue La La or Gilt and offer travel at steep discounts for brief periods. Options include sniqueaway.com, VoyagePrive.com and jet-setter.com. Because these sites are new, they're very competitive, Clampet says.



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Bruschetta for breakfast

► Strawberries and ricotta make this a sweet twist on a classic

Traditional tomato bruschetta has become so ubiquitous you can even buy jars of prepared toppings and pre-toasted bread. So we decided to reinvent it as a breakfast or dessert item.

Instead of starting with garlic-rubbed toast, we take slices of baguette and slather them with low-fat, yet creamy part-skim ricotta cheese.

If you like, you could vary the recipe by using reduced-fat cream cheese or even thick Greek-style yogurt.

We then top them with sliced strawberries and a drizzle of honey — reminiscent of the tomatoes and olive oil from traditional versions.

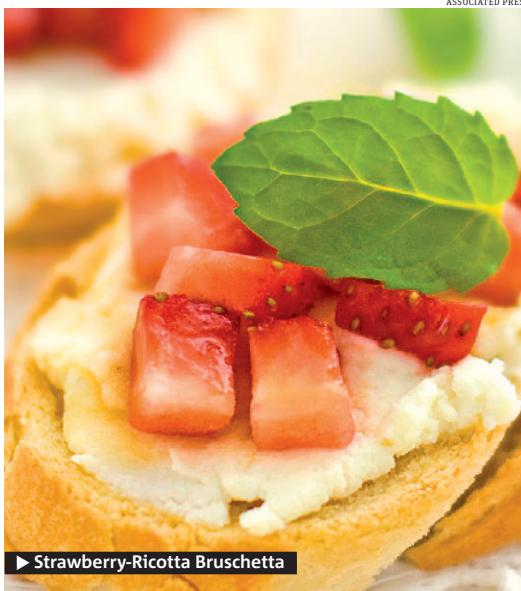
Capping the creamy strawberry toasts is a sprinkle of herbs to add a fresh counterpoint to all the sweetness.

While this strawberry-ricotta bruschetta is a natural fit as part of a breakfast or brunch, they make a tasty appetizer as well.

Preparation:

- 1 Place baguette slices on baking sheet and toast in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 8 minutes or until lightly golden.
- 2 Spread each slice with about 1 tbsp (15 mL) of ricotta cheese. Divide diced strawberries among slices of toast.
- 3 Drizzle with honey and sprinkle with mint to serve.
- 4 Place baguette slices on baking sheet and toast in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 8 minutes or until lightly golden. Makes 10 servings (2 slices per serving)

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Ingredients:

- 1 baguette (12 inches/30 cm long), cut into 20 slices
- 1 1/4 cups (300 mL) part-

skim ricotta cheese
 • 1 lb (500 g) strawberries, hulled and finely diced
 • Liquid honey
 • 20 fresh mint or basil leaves, cut into thin strips

For a fresh, spring themed dessert, get the kids involved in layering on the tiers of this tantalizing trifle.

Preparation:

- 1 In bowl, whisk together ricotta cheese, orange zest and juice, and honey; set aside.
- 2 In large bowl, combine strawberries, blueberries and bananas.
- 3 Place one third of the cookies on the bottom of a trifle bowl or 7-cup (1.75 L) flat bottomed bowl.
- 4 Top with one third of the ricotta mixture and one third of the fruit mixture. Repeat twice with remaining ingredients
- 5 Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or for up to 1 day. Garnish with mint before



Ingredients:

- 1 tub (475 g) smooth ricotta cheese
- 2 tsp (10 mL) grated orange zest
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) orange juice
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) liquid honey
- 2 cups (500 mL) quartered strawberries
- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) fresh blueberries or raspberries
- 1 banana, sliced
- 1 pkg (6 oz/175 g) amaretti cookies
- Fresh mint leaves

serving. Makes 6 to 8 servings.
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Im-press-ive turkey

Preparation:

- 1 In a medium bowl, whisk together vinegar, sesame oil, soy sauce, garlic powder, ginger and 2 ml (1/2 tsp) black pepper. Add turkey rounds, turning to coat each. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

2 Meanwhile, in a second medium bowl, whisk together olive oil, hoisin and 1 ml (1/4 tsp) black pepper. Add asparagus and mushrooms, then toss to coat evenly. Set aside until meat is ready.

3 Heat oven to 100 C (200 F). Once meat has marinated, heat a panini press or other countertop grill (if your press has temperature settings, use high).

4 Arrange turkey rounds on panini press, close it and cook for 3 1/2 min-

utes or until browned on both sides. Transfer rounds to an oven-safe platter, sprinkle with sesame seeds, then place in oven to keep warm.

5 Arrange asparagus and mushrooms on panini press, close it and cook for 3 minutes or until vegetables are nicely seared and just tender. Sprinkle them with salt, then cook for another minute. Serve vegetables with turkey medallions. Makes 4 servings.

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Ingredients:

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) seasoned rice vinegar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) toasted sesame oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) soy sauce
- 5 ml (1 tsp) garlic powder
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) grated fresh ginger
- Ground black pepper
- 625 g (1 1/4 lb) turkey ten-
- derloin, cut into 1-cm (1/2-inch) thick rounds
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) hoisin sauce
- 1 bunch asparagus, bottoms trimmed, halved crosswise
- 2 large portobello mushrooms, cut into thick slices
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) toasted sesame seeds
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) kosher salt

It's not all about words on a paper

STUDENT VOICE

SARAH SAYED
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My curiosity and interests led me to graduate with two degrees from the University of Ottawa: a degree in biochemistry and a degree in chemical engineering.

While still in school, I was warned that landing a job would be difficult, so I attended several career fairs and actively re-

searched the job market.

A year later, I am still looking for work. Family friends frequently point out that their son with only one degree has found a job, so what am I doing wrong?

Having two degrees, I am considered over-qualified for some positions, while lacking the experience employers expect. I have laboratory research experience in the university and hospital setting; however this does not qualify as engineering experience.

Post-graduation is difficult for everyone. I have friends who have done co-

Where Sarah is now

I will attend career fairs to try to meet employers face to face rather than relying on online applications. Meanwhile, I am studying classical oil painting techniques, freelancing as a graphic designer and working part-time as an art assis-

tant and portraiture model. As you can imagine, it is really devastating for someone to go through focused professional college-like training, only to not find work in their chosen field. Art has taught me to be patient through the hard times.



► Sarah Sayed wants employers to give job candidates more face time so that passionate, driven individuals such as herself won't be so easily overlooked.

op placements with the government, with rave reviews from their bosses, only to not land a job after graduation due to departmental freezes.

Success comes from good timing, being open-minded and persistent, but

in the end it's dumb luck!

Most of my colleagues have gotten jobs by networking with their contacts. A friend of mine landed a job through someone his mom met while working out at the gym.

I think employers should

What I learned

Key take-aways from Sarah's school-to-work transition

- Before you graduate, research what kind of experience is in-demand in your industry by asking your pro-

organize more events where potential recruits can meet with company members as part of the application process. A good personality and passion for the organization's work is much more important in the long term than experien-

fessors, searching online and arranging informational interviews with professionals in your field.

- Tell everyone in your network that you're looking for work – you never know who might be able to hook you up with your dream job!

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Speedy Huck in control near goal

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Scoring goals is nothing new for Leanne Huck — she's just been doing a lot more of it the past two summers.

The 26-year-old striker, now four years removed from her all-Canadian university career at Dalhousie, has exploded offensively in the Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership, scoring 24 goals in 29 games for the Halifax Dunbrack and winning back-to-back Golden Boot awards as scoring champ.

"She's gotten slower," said her coach, Jack Hutchison, when asked how she's more than doubled her already impressive Premiership scoring clip of 10 goals in 30 games.

Slower? Really?

"I say that in all honesty ... She realizes she can't run like she used to and she has to pick and choose better which runs to make and how to make them," he said. "I think that's made her phenomenally

Opening night

► The Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership opens tonight on the men's side and Friday on the women's front. Halifax Dunbrack is the defending champion in both circuits.

more of a threat to score." Speed has always been Huck's calling card. She went to two Canada Games as a sprinter and scored 34 goals in 65 games at Dalhousie.

While her speed remains her best weapon — she's still the fastest player in the league, according to Hutchison — she's learned to take advantage of the time and space it creates.

Huck, who works as an assistant trainer for Life-Mark Health and handled physiotherapy duties for the Halifax Rainmen this season, doesn't deny slowing down.

"I'm not offended by that at all," she said with a laugh when informed of Hutchison's remarks. "I'm not as fast as I used to be,



► Leanne Huck, right, battles for the ball during 2009 action in the Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership.

so I'm not quite as uncontrollable ... and I'm just a little bit more focused."

Huck's scoring prowess carried Dunbrack to a Jubilee Trophy as national champion last year and to a bronze medal in 2009.

Her continued production will be a key for Dunbrack.

Huck said the team has "a lot of work to do" to defend its national title.

"That's the great thing about soccer in Nova Scotia," she said. "Every game can be competitive and there's excitement any team can take it. It pushes each team to stay focused."

"She's still the fastest in the league. Good luck trying to catch her. You don't start even with her and come out ahead."

DUNBRACK COACH JACK HUTCHISON

N.S. sending 10 to tourney

Ten Nova Scotians will represent Canada at World Cup sprint canoe-kayak events in the Czech Republic and Germany later this month.

The teams were announced Monday for the Canadians that will compete in Racice on May 21 and 22, and in Duisburg, Germany, from May 27 to 29.

Cracking the squad in men's canoe were Halif-

fax's Richard Dalton and Dartmouth brothers Ben and Andrew Russell.

Halifax's Mark de Jonge, Waverley's Connor Taras and Neil Lang, and Hammonds Plains' Ryan Cochrane are on the men's kayak team.

Dartmouth's Una Lounder, Waverley's Nicole Brown and Lake Echo's Genevieve Orton will compete in women's kayak.

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► Ben Russell

Laval pair suspended

Two Laval University football players were suspended for two years for doping violations.

The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport said Michael Abraham, a second-year linebacker from Quebec City, tested positive for 19-norandrosterone, while Steve Vachon, a first-year offensive lineman from

St-Georges, Que., tested positive for methandienonem. Both substances are steroids.

Laval's Rouge et Or routed the Calgary Dinos 29-2 to win the Vanier Cup last season.

Abraham's violation was found during a doping control test of 33 Laval players on Feb. 7.

Vachon's positive result came from a March 6 test of 26 players during the Rouge et Or's spring training camp in Florida. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kesler looking like a playoff MVP

Ryan Kesler can let his motor idle for a few days.

The gritty centre is the engine that helped drive the Vancouver Canucks over the Nashville Predators into the NHL Western Conference final. Kesler and his teammates will now have some time to relax and repair after the league announced Game 1 of the next series won't begin until Sunday (CBC, 8 p.m.) at Rogers Arena.

"It will be good to get some practice time and really get some down time," Kesler said yesterday. "Rest and recovery is going to be key because it's not going to get any easier going forward. We need to have everyone healthy and everyone going."

Kesler set the tone in Monday night's 2-1 victory in Game 6 by crashing into Predator goaltender Pekka Rinne early in the game, then assisted on both of Vancouver's goals.

During the series Kesler had five goals in three games. Two of his goals were game winners, one in overtime.

Kesler's name has been mentioned as a potential playoff MVP. Nashville coach Barry Trotz even compared Kesler to Hall-of-Famer Mark Messier.

"You play the game to be your best," said Kesler. "For others to recognize that, especially the other team's coach to say something like that, obviously it's satisfying."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wings win again to force Game 7

► Detroit comes from behind in second-straight game



Henrik Zetterberg and Valtteri Filppula scored less than two minutes apart in the third period and the Detroit Red Wings rallied again for a 3-1 victory over the San Jose Sharks last night, forcing a decisive seventh game after trailing 3-0 in the pulsating second-round series.

San Jose must defend home ice tomorrow night

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WINGS	SHARKS

to avoid becoming the fourth NHL team to lose a best-of-seven series after leading 3-0.

The Red Wings are the second team this season to erase a 3-0 series hole. Chicago did it in the first round before losing Game 7 at Vancouver. Philadelphia came all the way back last year in the second round against Boston.

Skating with confidence and desperation, the Wings outshot San Jose 45-25.

But they were on the verge of elimination after Couture batted a rebound out of midair and the puck trickled past goalie Jimmy Howard with 16:06 remaining. Zetterberg tied it by deflecting a wrist shot by Niklas Kronwall past goalie Antti Niemi, and the Sharks never regained momentum.

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Rose leads Bulls past Hawks

95 **83**

BULLS HAWKS

Derrick Rose scored 33 points, Luol Deng added 23 and the Chicago Bulls beat the Atlanta Hawks 95-83 in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference semifinals last night to take a 3-2 series lead.

Taj Gibson had 11 points — all in the fourth quarter. Rose also scored 11 in the fourth and the Bulls pounded the Hawks 26-15 in the quarter.

Chicago is one win from its first conference finals since 1998, when Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen wrapped up their second championship three-peat.

Rose hit 11 of 24 shots and had nine assists, a big improvement over Game 4 when he needed 32 shots to score 34 points.

Atlanta's Jeff Teague had 21 points and Josh Smith added 16 points.

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Rear

Kia's designers have done a pretty good job at loping off the sedan's trunk and integrating the new rear end of the Forte5.

The lines remain crisp and purposeful from all angles, accentuated by the blacked-out door pillars and wrap-around taillights.

From the back though, the Forte5 appears suspiciously similar to the Subaru Impreza, a vehicle that automaker unabashedly refers to as a wagon. No wonder there's confusion out there.

Carrying capacity

The most important measurement for any practical hatch is the volume of stuff it can carry.

With the rear seat folded flat, the Forte5 can swallow a fair chunk of groceries; more than the Toyota Matrix or Mitsubishi Lancer Sportback but not as much as the Hyundai Elantra Touring or the diminutive (but surprisingly spacious) Honda Fit.



► As more people downsize in the name of fuel economy, the available cars will have to do and hold more. No problem for the Kia Forte5, but it also has available leather seating, climate control and navigation, so you can save gas and still get a comfy ride.

Engine

Common to all Forte body styles is the two-engine lineup. The base LX and EX models run with the 156-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder, while a 173-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder belongs to the fancier SX. Fuel economy with the base engine and automatic transmission is rated at 5.5 l/100 km city and 8.0 highway. Those impressive numbers are sufficient to propel the Forte5 to the head of its compact wagon/hatchback class.



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Forte5 more than just an 'economy car'

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The term "fuel economy" has always brought with it the "economy car" stigma, but there's a definite shift going on in 2011: good on gas can also mean a good car.

Maybe even a great car.

As if Kia was trying to prove the point, buyers now have a highly versatile Forte5 as well as the sedan and two-door "Koup" to choose from.

The Korea-based automaker refers to the Forte5 as a hatchback, but there's little to differentiate it from most typical wag-

ons.

Some might argue that the rear opening must be virtually vertical for a wagon to be called a wagon, while others believe the amount of storage space is the ideal determining factor.

In any event, if Kia prefers calling the Forte5

(obviously not bothering to differentiate between passenger doors and rear-access cargo openings) a hatchback, then so be it.

In any event, the four-door Forte5 uses the same basic platform as the sedan and both cars are equal in width and in distance between the front and rear

wheels.

However, the Forte5 is actually shorter in overall length by about 19 centimetres and is trimmer by about 23 kilograms as a result.

Whether entry level or loaded to the hilt, the Forte5 is a handsome, practical and affordable hauler.

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Flared jeans are coming back. This time I'll take a pass. I suffered enough. I wore them all through high school in the 1970s, combined with long, centre-parted hair.

But some things are definitely worth reviving. A case in point is luxury and high-performance cars, augmented with electrical power.

They're hybrids, yes, but hybrids on the other side of the spectrum from Toyota Prius.

The Prius and its ilk are all about fuel efficiency. The cache of a luxury/performance hybrid, however, is three-fold: increased power, increased fuel efficiency, and the fact that this power and efficiency is only possible through exclusive and expensive technology not everybody can afford.

Like how many people



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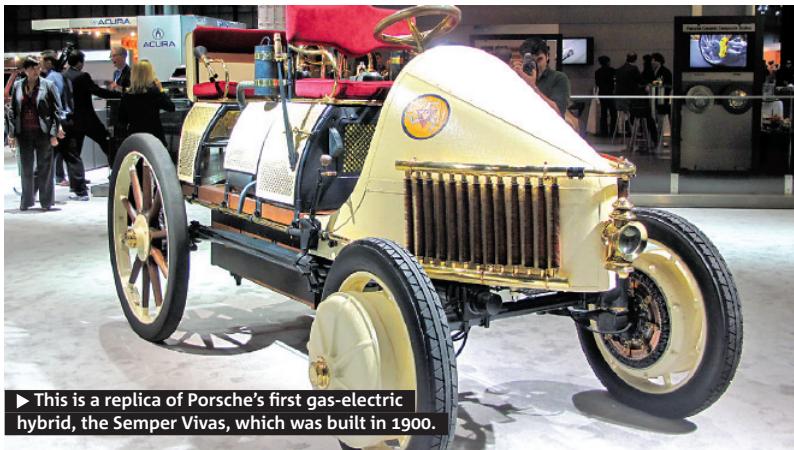
will be able to afford the crazy new hybrid that Jaguar just announced?

Based on the C-X75 concept the British automaker displayed at the 2010 Paris auto show, production versions will be restricted to just 200 examples, at 700,000-plus British Pounds each?

I believe that translates to over \$1 million Canadian dollars, but I'm not sure, as I have been trying to stay away from math ever since Mr. Runstedler's Grade 10 calculus class.

Porsche is on to its third hybrid. By fall, we should see the \$108,700 Panamera S Hybrid, which shares the same V6-electric powertrain as the Cayenne S Hybrid.

The other hybrid is a race car — the 911 GT3 R



► This is a replica of Porsche's first gas-electric hybrid, the Semper Vivus, which was built in 1900.

Hybrid. When the Panamera S Hybrid was first shown in North America, at the recent auto show in New York, it was accompanied by a replica of

Porsche's — and probably the world's — first gas-electric hybrid.

Ferdinand Porsche was just 24, when he engineered and built the 1900

Semper Vivus, as a member of the Austrian coach-building firm Jacob Lohner.

Only one example was ever built, and it didn't survive.

The Porsche Museum in Stuttgart, Germany, commissioned restorer Hubert Drescher, to recreate the car, from only one known picture, and several sketches.

I had a chance to speak to Mr. Drescher, at the New York show, and he noted there is not one original part on the car. It was completely re-created.

But the horn and the two 1.7-litre, single-cylinder De Dion Bouton engines are exactly the same vintage and type used on the original car. He found the engines at a flea market. Good score.

The engines drive the rear wheels, and power a dynamo that juices the massive battery pack and the two enormous electric motors fitted to the front wheels.

The Semper Vivus can go 35-40 km/h on a flat road, pretty heady stuff for 1900. But a hill climber it is not. It weights almost two tons.

Gas was pretty cheap and abundant in 1900. The young Ferdinand Porsche was not looking for electricity as a transportation salvation fuel, as some do today.

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With a smaller and lighter body, car-like driving dynamics and a range of available engine options, this small, upscale SUV was engineered to cater to active shoppers who didn't intend to slow down for bad weather.

Power came from several BMW straight-six engines, including both 2.5 and 3.0-litre units making 184 or 225 horsepower in early 2.5i and 3.0i models, respectively. From 2007 and on, the

What's the 4-1-1

- Model: 2004 to 2010 BMW X3
- Vehicle Type: Crossover SUV
- Approximate used price range: \$13,000 to \$35,000

three-litre unit was the sole engine offering, making 215 or 260 horsepower in 3.0i and 3.0si trim.

BMW's nomenclature change in 2009 saw the X3 switch to an "xDrive30i" badge, while a less powerful xDrive28i version was offered, too. All-wheel drive was standard on all models, and used shoppers can even search out an X3 with a six-speed manual on pre-2009 units. Five or six-speed automatic transmissions were available otherwise.



► 2010 BMW X3

Look for feature content including heated leather, a sunroof, automatic climate control, wood trim, premium audio, tinted glass and plenty more.

What Owners Like

Styling, quality, handling, seats, all-weather traction, high-speed stability and a "fantastic" engine are all highly rated by BMW X3

owners in online forums. Many report getting "decent" fuel mileage, too.

What Owners Hate

Some X3 owners wish for a more premium feel to the X3's interior trim, as well as a more comfortable and soft ride on some models.

Many owners report "strange" shifting from the six-speed automatic trans-

mission. Finally, several owners report uncomfortable and slightly cramped rear seat accommodations.

Common Issues

On a test-drive, be sure to check all of the used X3's cabin electronics, including the stereo, climate control, computer readouts and power accessories including windows, mirrors, seats and

sunroof.

If the model you're considering is an automatic and exhibits strange shifting characteristics, the fix may be a reprogramming or replacement of the transmission control computer.

A prominent "clicking" noise while turning could indicate a problem with the rear differential or a CV joint. If such a sound is apparent, be sure to have the vehicle inspected by a BMW mechanic ahead of your purchase.

Finally, note that any warning lights related to the ABS or four-wheel drive system should be investigated before agreeing to purchase a used X3.

The Verdict

X3 won't be the used SUV market's cheapest choice—but most owners agree it hits the mark where elevated levels of styling, handling and comfort are concerned.

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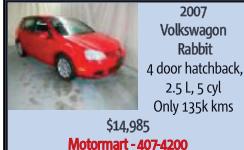
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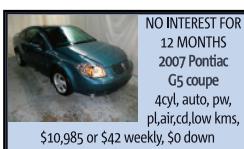
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Join us for an Orientation evening at All Nations Church 2535 Robbie St., May 17 and/or May 19 7 to 9pm.

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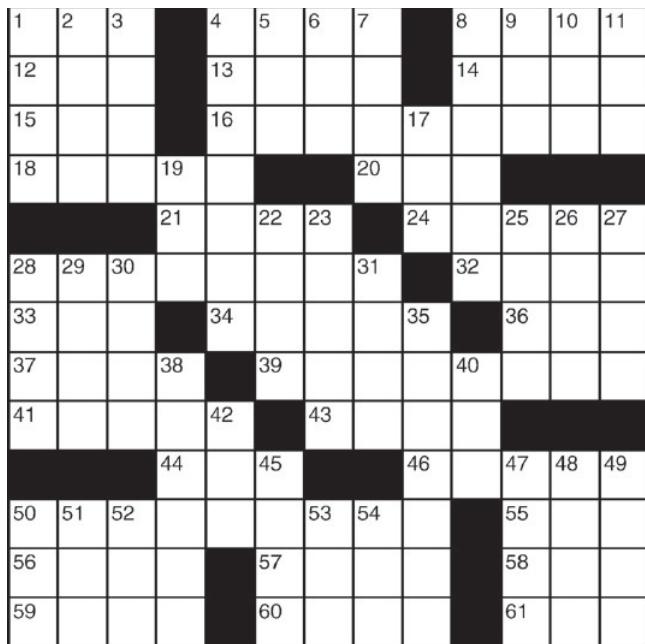
Crossword

Across

1 Equine repast
4 Swear
8 Kitten's comment
12 Way back when
13 Chills and fever
14 Sandwich cookie
15 Aye canceler
16 Disneyland, e.g.
18 React to a pun
20 Mischie-voous tyke
21 "taut I — pudgy-tat!"
24 56-Across style
28 Roughly estimated
32 Mexican entree
33 "Eureka!"
34 Aid for a sore arm
36 Ultra-modernist
37 Soak up some rays
39 Texas city
41 Loathe
43 Bat a gnat
44 Existed
46 West Point newbie
50 Cartman's home
55 NAFTA signatory
56 Car
57 Satan's specialty
58 Suitable
59 Team of workers
60 Relinquish
61 Caustic solution

Down

1 Suspend
2 Culture medium
3 Toy on a string
4 Quick snoozes
5 "That tastes awful!"
6 Seek damages
7 Big rig
8 Tyke
9 Geological period



- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10 "— the fields we go ..." | 40 Bake sale org., maybe |
| 11 Stir-fry pan | 42 Cheerleader's cry |
| 17 Type measures | 45 Detail, for short |
| 19 Pac. counterpart | 47 Two-way |
| 22 Forest (Ger.) | 48 Catch sight of |
| 23 The Ram | 49 London gallery |
| 25 Comical Carvey | 50 Pouch |
| 26 Computer brand | 51 "— Town" |
| 27 Cubbyhole | 52 Multipurpose truck |
| 28 Rum cake | 53 Rd. |
| 29 Moby-Dick's pursuer | 54 Disencumber |
| 30 Whip | 55 |
| 31 Recognized | 56 |
| 35 Large blackbird | 57 |
| 38 Bow obsequiously | 58 |
| 59 | 60 |
| | 61 |

► Yesterday's answer



Today's horoscope



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Aries March 21-April 20
within a matter of hours you will notice a positive difference

Taurus April 21-May 21

Don't let your desire to get things done cloud your judgment.

Gemini May 22-June 21

Don't play hard to get today or you will send important people the wrong kind of signal

Cancer June 22-July 22 There is something you have overlooked.

Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You have the

confidence to take risks but it won't be so good if you are reckless about it

Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may be tempted to end a relationship that has been nothing but trouble of late.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Don't let vague fears and forebodings hold you back from what you want to do today

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Wait until you are thinking more clearly before making a final decision.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Others may not be trying to trick you but it's doubtful

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Fate will take its chosen path no matter what you think about it

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Forget about your work and your bank balance today and find joy

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Don't off advice to a friend who is having emotional troubles

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Sudoku

5	2			7		9		1
				3				5
7					9		6	
			7	3	2			
6					9			7
			1		7	4		
9		5					2	
4					8			
8	2		3			1	9	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

2	7	9	5	3	1	4	8	6
6	5	1	4	8	9	3	2	7
3	8	4	7	2	6	9	1	5
9	2	6	3	7	4	1	5	8
5	3	7	1	9	8	2	6	4
4	1	8	6	5	2	7	3	9
7	9	2	8	1	5	6	4	3
8	6	3	2	4	7	5	9	1
1	4	5	9	6	3	8	7	2

Today



10° / 7°

Thursday



12° / 5°

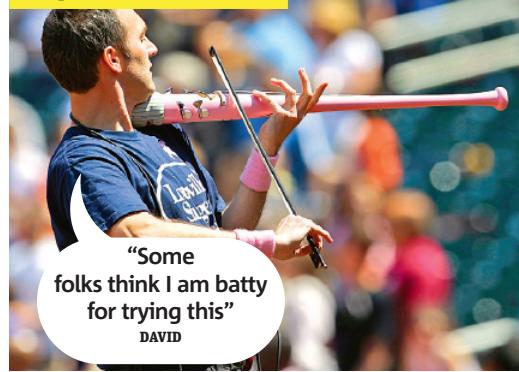


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Ollipop

Today's your birthday, and
that is true. im writing this
kiss, to say happy birthday
to you! you're pretty great,
that i can admit. and when
you see this, you'll have a
fit. So, happy birthday
Ollipop, i told you i'd do
this, and i didn't flop. <3
FROM MELANI

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